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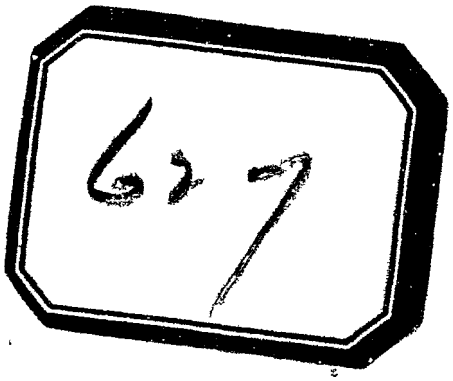
Report of the Territorial Board of Prison Commissioners

For the Year 1899.



John P. Hoyt.
Governor of The Territory of Arizona.
Sir.

The Board of Territorial Prison Commissioners have the honor to report to you for the year ending December 31st 1877. as follows to wit:- At the end of the year 1876. there was Ten prisoners confined at the Prison. there have been Received during the present year Nine (9) and Four (4) discharged leaving there at the Prison Fifteen. the Aggregate number of Days being 4506. or about an Average of 12½ prisoners for the Year. as is more fully Appears by Reports of Prisoners here with marked Exhibit "A."

The prisoners have been employed Generally at Excavating and work on prison grounds. Both have done some work on the outside. and have earned during the year the sum of $378.87/100 which by rule goes to the Credit of the Prisoners Labor Fund. The prisoners get a One fifteenth (1/15) of this amount $25.25/100 which is credited to each prisoner pro rata. which they can use to purchase such things as are not furnished them. The Labor Fund is under the Superintendents own direction of the Board for improving and fixtures around the prison. and there have been expended from this Fund during the Year the sum of $186.75/100 leaving balance of $167.17/100

Next fiscal year there were a balance in the Prisoners 1876. of $51.70/100 making total balance in the Labor Prisoners of $2 18 87/100. Which are follows. to wit:.

Balance on hand 1876.		$51.70
Earned during the year 1877.		378.87
Total on hand and earned.		$430.57
Less cash in Prisoners Fund.	$25.25	
" Expended by Supt	186.45	
" Cash balance on hand.	218.87	$430,57

The health of the prisoners has been good. the conduct excellent. only three breaches of discipline having occurred during the year.

There are Four hundred employed at the Prisoners prison at the rate of One Thousand Dollars per annum. one of which is assigned as Warden and receives a prison ration in addition to his pay.

The prisoners are fed upon the ration basis. and all supplies of every Kind furnished are supplied by contract. given upon public notice. and upon very low terms as will be fully shown by the figures following:

The total expense of the Prison for the year 1877. has been Eleven thousand seven hundred and 65/100 Dollars. ($11.711.65/100) average cost of prisoners per day $2.59 2/3. Expense of Board alone. $1.556.11/100 average per prisoner per day. 34 8/15 cents. Cost of Clothing & Bedding $78.86/100. Average per prisoner per day 17 7/15 cents. Total per

day for Prisoners for Board. Clothing and Bedding Fifty two cents-(52 cts). Total cost of Prison proper, including Board. Clothing Bedding. Medical Attendance Medicines. Wood. and Contingent Supplies. for the year has been. $4.113.21/100. within a small fraction of Ninety one cents 91/ per day for prisoners. The Contingent supplies include. Oil. Lights. prison furniture. Shackles and chains. Tools. Kitchen & Stove furniture. Brooms Mops etc. etc. Total cost of Prison Officials. Light. Steam &c. Secretary. Stationery & printing &c. has been $7.587.44/100 average per day for prisoners $1.67 3/4/100. the cost of the Prison for Officers etc. being already double the cost of maintenance of Prisoners. but this expense cannot be borne. and the same expense incurred whether there be Fifty or Five prisoners.

The total expenditure which accounts is thus as follows:

Board of Prisoners.	$1.556.10	
Clothing & Bedding	785.86	
Contingent Supplies.	1.177.45	
Medical Attendance & Medicines	496.00	
Wood.	97.80	$4.113.21
Light Salary. $800/. Steam. 4385/.	$6.185.00	
Salary & per Diem of Commissioners.	724.00	
Salary of Secretary & Office Rent. 400/ 120/	520.00.	
Office Furniture for Prison	40.00	
Stationery and Printing	118.44	$7.587.44
	$11.700.65	$11.700.65

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The property on hand (Miscellaneous) is shown by report herewith marked Exhibit "B".

The Machinery Tools etc on hand. is shown by report herewith. marked Exhibit "C".

The Clothing and Bedding. on hand. is shown by report herewith. marked Exhibit "D".

Enclosed agree with form copies of blanks used and rules for advertising Bills. etc marked. Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6.

We would earnestly recommend that your excellency call the attention of our Delegate in Congress. to the fact. that in every Territory the Government has made appropriations to assist in building Territorial Prisons. that none has been made for Arizona. and we request his best endeavors to get an appropriation for this purpose. That there are three United States prisoners now confined in the Territorial Prison. and the prison is nearly full. in fact six more could be confined than it should be. if there was money now to purchase material the work could be done by the prisoners. and the labor made available. these matters are left to your attention. as whether to keep the money out for guards. (as it would be if more prisoners could then be accommodated for.) or keep the money for building Cells. and if the Government will not make any appropriation

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we consider that as a matter of economy, that our next Legislature should make it. and ask that upon in your message make such recommendations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. Priday
Chairman of the Board.

Dated January 7th 1878.

H. H. Meyers
Secretary of the Board.